

GOING TO THE FARM

"Rick, please take a hat with you in case the sun comes back out," said Mom. "I don't want you to get [mice/ roses/ burned]." Rick had red hair and fair [time/ skin/ horse]. He burned easily, and his mother [had/ rage/ got] nagged him about wearing hats and sun [lotion/ rather/ nature].

Pop had called early that Saturday morning. [To/ At/ He] wanted to know whether Rick wanted [to/ if/ at] go with him out to the [turn/ farm/ lean] in the country. Of course Rick [said/ nice/ toad] he would love to go, and he [got/ slit/ hate] ready as fast as he could.

[Be/ Do/ It] took about an hour to drive [wall/ ace/ out] to the farm, which Pop had [bought/ catch/ trouts] when he retired from the glass factory. [And/ Are/ The] farm was 128 acres of land [form/ race/ with] trees, fields, and rich soil for growing [troll/ crops/ know]. Pop never grew big crops, however; [he/ it/ go] mainly worked in his garden.

The [sodas/ garden/ target] was full of good things to [and/ eat/ the]. Pop grew lettuce, onions, cantaloupe, watermelon, cucumbers, [gather/ jokes/ squash], cauliflower, peppers, and tomatoes. Rick did [rote/ west/ not] like the onions or squash, but [he/ it/ my] loved watermelons, and Pop let him [time/ foul/ pick] as many as he wanted.

As [tack/ soon/ find] as they got to the [wind/ rake/ farm], Rick picked a watermelon and put [to/ of/ it] in the creek. The creek was [laugh/ shady/

tread], and the water was ice cold; [us/ so/ of] by the afternoon, the two could [treat/ flat/ break] the melon open and eat it chilled.

[From/ Host/ Then] Pop started the loud water pump. [And/ The/ Are] two began the long task of watering [the/ ace/ up] garden by hand. The plants needed [a/ in/ off] great deal of water to grow. Pop [well/ and/ car] Rick walked up and down [west/ kite/ each] row with hoses, watering each plant [think/ with/ place] the right amount of water. After [sort/ house/ they] had finished their task, they stopped to [job/ rain/ eat] lunch. Pop had made peanut butter [that/ and/ area] jelly sandwiches and packed two cokes [ramp/ and/ man] some chips.

Then they started picking [the/ end/ jet] things that they wanted to take [home/ rice/ pale] with them, which was the best [line/ part/ neat] of their trip. Rick chose three watermelons [from/ and/ vet] put them into the car while Pop [picked/ yellow/ carrot] some of everything. They walked [heal/ down/ kept] to the creek and ate [the/ gape/ step] deliciously juicy and cool watermelon. It [end/ was/ rip] the best way to end the [fun/ get/ nip] day they had spent together at [or/ the/ are] farm.